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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181 REGARDING PREMATURENESS
OF FINAL REJECTION**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

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June 7, 2007**

Applicants hereby petition for withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action of February 7, 2007 as being premature and for entry of the Amendments made in an Amendment After Final filed on April 5, 2007.

The Final Office Action includes two rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101 that constitute new grounds for rejection that were not present in earlier rejections and that were not necessitated by Applicants' amendment. In particular, page 3, paragraphs 12 and 13 of the Final Office Action include rejections indicating that claims 1 and 3-28 are directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants did not amend the claims in any way that gave rise to these rejections, and these rejections could have been made in an earlier Office Action but were not. Since Applicants' amendments did not necessitate these new grounds of rejection, the final rejection is premature.

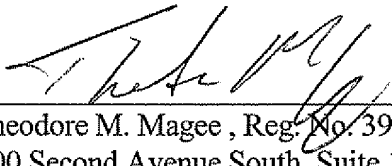
Applicants therefore petition for the removal of the finality of the Office Action of February 7, 2007 and entry of the Amendments made in the Amendment After Final dated April 5, 2007. Applicants note that in an Amendment After Final, Applicants requested the withdrawal

of the finality of the Final Office Action. In an Advisory Action dated April 30, 2007, this request was not acknowledged.

Applicants believe no fee is due for this petition. However, if a fee is due for the petition, Applicants hereby authorize charging the petition fee to Deposit Account Number 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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